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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action Summary mailed March 12, 2002, in the above-identified application.

Applicant hereby petitions for a THREE (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action Summary Notice in the above-identified application to extend the period of response from June 12, 2002 to September 12, 2002.

The Commissioner is further GENERALLY authorized to charge the extension of time fee, Notice of Appeal fee and any additional fee, with the exception of the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.

Respectfully submitted,

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